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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of November 3, 2003 Applicant elects, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-3 and 30-40 drawn to the structures/structural elements of a hearing aid. Applicant hereby cancels claims 4-29, drawn to the structures/structural elements of a dynamic range compressor, without prejudice to further prosecution in a divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or other application.

CHANGE OF FIRM NAME

Please note that the firm name "McCutchen Doyle Brown and Enersen LLP" has been changed as a result of a merger. The new firm name is "Bingham McCutchen LLP". Please address all further correspondence in the above-identified matter to the undersigned at:

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